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Mr. Basheer Ahmad Sayeed :—"May I know whether the three Muhammadan District Judges include the one who has already retired ?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell :—"The figures given are those up to 18th July 1927. If the Muhammadan Judge referred to had retired by that date, he would not have been included in those figures."

Mr. Basheer Ahmad Sayeed :—"May I know, Sir, whether the Muhammadan Judge is now in active service or has taken leave ? If so, what sort of leave, may I know, Sir ?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell :—"He is on leave. As for the second part I want notice of the question."

Mr. Basheer Ahmad Sayeed :—"May I know whether it is leave preparatory to retirement ?"

The hon. the President :—"The hon. Member has already said he requires notice of the question."

Irrigation

Maintenance of the main channels under the Cuddapah-Kurnool canal.

*524 Q.—Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao : Will the hon. the Law
11-45 a.m. Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether he has received representations from M.R.Ry. Medam Venkayya Chetti Garu and other ryots of Manidalapad of Kurnool district regarding the question of maintaining main channels under the Cuddapah-Kurnool canal ;

(*b*) whether the Government have called for any explanation with regard to the delay of over one year in the correspondence carried on by Mr. Medam Venkayya with the Collector and subordinate officers as to the condition of main channels and as to whose duty it was to repair them ;

(*c*) what the distance of the said main channel is from the Collector's headquarters ;

(*d*) whether the Collector paid a visit ;

(*e*) whether it is a fact that the main channel under the sluice No. 31 is now being repaired at Government expense ;

(*f*) whether it is a fact that under the said sluice No. 26 there is an extent of land of about 15 acres to the west of the sluice which is on a very much higher level than the highest water level in the sluice ;

(*g*) whether this land belongs mainly to the village officers ;

(*h*) whether flow to this area is possible only by stopping all flow in the eastern channel which irrigates about 140 acres owned by Mr. Medam Venkayya and about forty other ryots and creating an artificial water pressure upwards ;

(*i*) whether the eastern channel runs in a rapid incline through canal poramboke ;

(*j*) whether the soil is black cotton ;

(*k*) whether the northern bund of the channel is not subject to many breaches ;

(*l*) whether the water does not run to waste ; and

(*m*) what steps are being taken to set right all these things ?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) to (*m*) A report has been called for.

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Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know from the hon. the Law Member, in view of the fact that this question has been with him for three months, whether he would ask the authorities concerned to expedite the report ? "

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—" I understand that the report has reached the Board of Revenue. "

Opening of the Peruvalai channel.

* 525 Q.—Mr. T. M. NARAYANASWAMI PILLAI : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state —

(*a*) whether it was announced at the Irrigation Conference held at Mandurai, Lalgudi taluk, that the Peruvalai channel will be opened on the 1st of June every year ;

(*b*) whether the mirasidars have put in seedlings on the strength of this announcement and in anticipation of a regular water-supply from 1st June 1927 ;

(*c*) whether there was a real flow of water only on the 22nd June 1927 ;

(*d*) whether complaints have been received regarding the failure or deficiency of water-supply in the Peruvalai channel ; and

(*e*) what steps the Government have taken to ensure adequate water-supply in the said channel ?

A.—The Government have no information.

Alleged scarcity of water-supply in the Peruvalai channel.

* 526 Q.—Mr. T. M. NARAYANASWAMI PILLAI : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there was a promise of water-supply in the Peruvalai channel, Lalgudi taluk, for sugarcane cultivation during the closure period ;

(*b*) whether the authorities have failed to keep up that promise and whether the sugarcane crops have failed on that account ; and

(*c*) whether any steps will be taken by the Government to avoid such scarcity of water-supply in future ?

A.—The Government have no information.

Investigation of the Tungabhadra dam site.

* 527 Q.—Mr. R. NAGAN GOWDA : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount of work so far carried out for the investigation of the Tungabhadra dam site ;

(*b*) whether any borings were taken in the river bed in the months of April and May when there was very little water in the river and if not, why not ;

(*c*) when the Government expect to finish this preliminary investigation ; and

(*d*) whether the Government would place on the table of the House a copy of the report of the Geologist to the Government of India on the dam site ?